



Bestwood Village Parish Council



Date: Tuesday 9th November 2021 at 7pm
At St Mark's Church Bestwood Village

Present;
J Ashworth (Chair)
J Pauley
M Gee
I Hart
P Newling
R Davidson
K Brown
County Councillor C Barnfather
Borough Councillor R Ellis

MINUTES

2021.093 Silence to remember those who have passed

2021.094 To receive - Apologies for absence
Des Gibbons

2021.095 To receive and consider - Declarations of members' interests and dispensations from non-participation
J Ashworth & P Newling - Grant for bonfire

2021.096 To receive and approve - Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th October 2021
Cllr Hart had heard that the school site was not being sold not that it was not being sold.
Subject to the above it was resolved to approve the minutes (MG/IH)

2021.097 To receive and note - Any update on actions arising from previous Parish Council decisions (not included elsewhere on the agenda)
Website is up to date. The domain name is pointed to the Hugo Fox site. It was suggested to create a link to Borough and County Cllrs.
Additional insulation and electrics completed.
"No dogs" sign is a work in progress.
Winter flowers have been completed and Cllr Davidson has prepared another three.
The Hill Rd sign has been reported to Gedling - no response.

KB

PN

2021.098 To receive - Parishioners questions/statements (normal duration 15 minutes)
None present

2021.099 To discuss – Request for grant towards Bonfire event (JA)
Cllrs Ashworth and Newling did not take part in decision making. It was resolved to make a grant of £500. (IH/JP)

2021.100 To receive reports and discuss;

a) Environment working group Report
No report

b) Lengthsman Scheme update
Agreement papers have been signed and sent for 21/22. Cllr Barnfather reported that there are plans to expand the scheme and clarify the uses of the funds.
Mud at the bottom of Broad Valley Drive/Park Rd – queried if the Lengthsman can clear it and build a rampart. Drains are getting blocked. JA

c) S106 meetings held
No report, very frustrating that there has been little progress. Possible options were discussed concerning the ongoing maintenance portion of the S106. The Council will make an approach to Council accordingly. JA

d) Planning applications review
Nothing requiring report

e) Update on traffic issues
Noted that there are lots of traffic lights

f) Christmas lights and community award event
Lights are on the right columns and will be tested etc. Christmas tree will be put up a week before the turn-on. Cllr Gee has purchased all the food. There are plenty of volunteers. Arrangements have been made to get trees out of garages etc.
School have confirmed that they will be singing. Awaiting confirmation from the band.
Awards;

- **3 people are listed to receive an award. It is planned to ask a family member to be present with the nominees (PN to arrange). The wording for each award was agreed.**
- **Friday 3rd December**
- **6pm opening of Welfare (opening for preparation to be arranged – 1hr needed)**
- **School Choir**
- **Band playing**
- **Children’s craft**
- **7pm Presentations by the Chairman**
- **7.30pm Lights switch on (by one of the award recipients)** JA
- **PN doing publicity** PN

g) To amend cheque signatories to reflect Councillor changes
It was resolved to remove David Braithwaite and add Robert Davidson to the Council’s signatories (JA/KB)

h) Quotation for bench works – Malfords (JA)

It was resolved to appoint Malfords to undertake work indicated in e-mail of 26th October for £3890.00 (JA/PN)

JA

2021.101 To receive - Reports from Parish, Borough and County Councillors
Cllr Ellis reported that community kitchen is still operating and is needed. There is still capacity. (Ten BV residents are receiving them at present. There is some concern about the mileage involved for a relatively small number). The cooks have been nominated for awards for their work. In Spring 2020 Gedling decided to support the RSPCA in respect of fireworks and support quitter fireworks and publicity of organised events. This is something that the Council could consider at future events. Cllr Barnfather reported that the draft plan for the next 4 years will be circulated shortly. There will be an annual report on progress. The situation of repairing unclassified roads have been discussed with 50 recommendations agreed by all parties. Additional funding will be made available. Covid is retreating back down following a peak a few weeks ago and we are midrange. Hawthorne Primary is becoming an academy. A dropped kerb for a mobility scooter has been agreed. The Old School site has not been marketed yet as Notts CC are looking at possible alternative uses for it.

Parish Councillor Newling reported that the dog mess problem has been discussed with the neighbourhood wardens and would like more direct involvement. Will source suitable paint. Also ASB around Sandholes area has been reported to the Police. The Sycamores on Moor Rd that have TPO's – Cllr Gee stopped them being cut and it has been reported to Gedling BC planning office who were unable to attend. Jack attended on another occasion but it was only work on the smaller trees/bushes taking place. Hedge at Boden Avenue re hedge has gone from 4ft to ground level and it was thought the permission was subject to the hedge being retained and action is needed – PN will investigate.

PN

Parish Councillor Robert Davidson reported on the fly tipper in the Church grounds – a gardening company?

PN

Cllr Brown reported about van parking on the grass near the Spinney obscuring exit of the road. Suggested that a PCSO be requested to have a word. PN will undertake. Cllr Ashworth reported that there are six items on the play areas that need repair. Gedling BG have been asked for quotes. The table in the youth shelter may need removing or replacing in the near future.

PN

2021.102 To note – Date of next meeting –To be decided

Set for 11th January. Separate arrangements will be made for interviews.

2021.103 Confidential items;

Advertisement for new Clerk, terms and hours of work and to set date for close of applications/interviews

It was resolved to allocate 25 hours per month for the role.

It was resolved that the Council were below Profile 2 and the initial pay scale will therefore be between 18 and 20

The description will add that training will be supported and encouraged

Interviews will be scheduled for 14th December

Laptop, printer, phone and home allowance are to be provided.

Job to be advertised via NALC, Council facebook/website and by Councillors

ALL